

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0735  
INFO AMCONSUL CIUDAD JUAREZ  
AMCONSUL GUADALAJARA  
AMCONSUL HERMOSILLO  
AMCONSUL MATAMOROS  
AMCONSUL MAZATLAN  
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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS  
AND PROGRAMS - VISIT OF EPA ADMINISTRATOR  
DOUGLAS COSTLE

REF: (A) STATE 132519 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 141354 (NOTAL).

1. EPA ADMINISTRATOR DOUGLAS M COSTLE VISITED MEXICO CITY  
JUNE 5-7 AND HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH HIS CLOSEST  
COUNTERPART IN GOM, UNDERSECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPROVEMENT HUMBERTO ROMERO ALVAREZ (HEALTH & WELFARE  
SECRETARIAT). MEETING WAS FIRST OF ANNUAL MEETINGS  
BETWEEN TOP ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS OF TWO COUNTRIES AND  
WAS HELD AS ONE IMPORTANT ASPECT OF U.S.-MEXICO CONSULTA-  
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TIVE MECHANISM ESTABLISHED BY TWO PRESIDENTS, AND OF  
SOCIAL WORKING GROUP IN PARTICULAR.

2. AT ROMERO'S REQUEST, COSTLE ALSO MET WITH HEALTH &  
WELFARE SECRETARY EMILIO MARTINEZ MANAUTOU AND, JOINED BY  
THE AMBASSADOR, CALLED ON FOREIGN RELATIONS SECRETARY  
SANTIAGO ROEL.

3. PRINCIPAL OUTCOME OF VISIT WAS SIGNING BY COSTLE AND ROMERO OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, AS AUTHORIZED BY REFTEL (B). SOME REVISIONS IN TEXT CARRIED BY KLEVENO WERE AGREED TO IN NEGOTIATING SESSION IN WHICH EMBASSY REP PARTICIPATED ON JUNE 5, AND ANOTHER MINOR CHANGE WAS AGREED TO DURING COSTLE VISIT. IN EMBASSY VIEW, REVISIONS WERE NOT "SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE" ONES.

4. AS AUTHORIZED, REFTEL (B) PARA 3, TERM OF AGREEMENT IS INDEFINITE, BUT MOU IS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION BY EITHER SIDE UPON 90 DAYS NOTICE.

5. WE HAVE RECEIVED DRAFT NOTES REFERRED TO IN REFTEL (B). WE PLAN TO PRESENT DRAFT U.S. NOTE TO FONSEC IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT NOT DRAFT MEXICAN REPLY INASMUCH AS SOME OF IT NO LONGER APPROPRIATE.

6. COPY OF FINAL ENGLISH TEXT OF MOU BEING HAND CARRIED BY FITZWATER, EPA. KLEVENO WILL HAND CARRY ENGLISH AND SPANISH ORIGINALS. AS REQUESTED, COPIES ALSO BEING POUCHED ATTN. L/T.

7. MEETING WITH MARTINEZ MANAUTOU LARGELY PROTOCOLARY, EXCEPT THAT SECRETARY REITERATED HIS CONCERN OVER INCREASING CONTAMINATION OF GULF OF MEXICO FROM BOTH U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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AND MEXICAN SOURCES.

8. FONSEC ROEL STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ACTION TO CLEAN-UP PROBLEMS IN BORDER REGION. HE INDICATED HE WANTED MOU TO BE NOT JUST A PIECE OF PAPER. COSTLE EXPRESSED COMPLETE AGREEMENT. LUCEY

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